

On May 23, 1934, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, holding a district court, a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 175 cases of tomato puree at Washington, D. C., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about February 2, 1934, by the Geneva Preserving Co., from Wilson, N. Y., and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Approval Brand Tomato Puree \* \* \* Distributors M. E. Horton, Inc., Washington, D. C."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted wholly or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On July 26, 1934, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product be disposed of by the United States marshal in such manner as would not violate the provisions of the Federal Food and Drugs Act.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**22786. Adulteration of canned prunes. U. S. v. 174 Cases of Canned Prunes. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond for separation and destruction of unfit portions. (F. & D. no. 32735. Sample nos. 60426-A, 65752-A.)**

This case involved a shipment of canned prunes which were in part moldy and decayed.

On May 24, 1934, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 174 cases of canned prunes at Bloomington, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about February 3, 1934, by Paulus Bros. Packing Co. from Salem, Oreg., and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On June 15, 1934, the Paulus Bros. Packing Co. having appeared as claimant for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the claimant upon payment of costs and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$350, conditioned in part that the decomposed portion be segregated and destroyed.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**22787. Misbranding of canned peas. U. S. v. 125 Cases of Canned Peas. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond to be relabeled. (F. & D. no. 32740. Sample no. 68273-A.)**

This case involved a product represented to be early June peas, but which contained more than 50 percent of ruptured peas and had the color and flavor of mature peas. The article fell below the standard established by this Department and was not labeled to indicate that it was substandard.

On May 22, 1934, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 125 cases of canned peas at Boston, Mass., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about April 3 and April 6, 1934, by the G. L. Webster Canning Co., of Cheriton, Va., from Baltimore, Md., and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Can) "Cheriton Brand Early June Peas \* \* \* Packed by G. L. Webster Canning Co., Incorporated, Cheriton, Virginia."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that it was canned food and fell below the standard of quality and condition promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture, since it was not normally colored and normally flavored canned immature peas, and since less than 80 percent of the peas by count were in such condition that the two cotyledons were still held together by the skin, and its package or label did not bear a plain and conspicuous statement prescribed by regulation of this Department, indicating that it fell below such standard.

On June 20, 1934, the G. L. Webster Canning Co., Inc., Cheriton, Va., having appeared as claimant for the property and having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was